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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR KEKKONEN STATE VISIT:

SPPO KAUPPILA

REF: STATE 165299

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FROM FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S 1974 CALENDAR. SEPPA PENTTI OLAVI KAUPPILA WAS BORN IN KUUSANKOSKI ON OCTOBER 18, 1945. HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 30, 1964, AND BECAME MASTER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE ON APRIL 29, 1968. HE IS MARRIED TO MIRJA ANNA-LIISA DOLK, BORN IN 1946. THEY HAVE ONE SON, ANSSI ALEKSANTERI (1972). KAUPPILA BECAME A CIVIL SERVICE TRAINEE ON JUNE 19, 1968, AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE ON APRIL 29, 1969. KAUPPILA'S EMPLOYMENT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 1968. HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT IN THE MINISTRY ON JULY 1, 1969, AND AT THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 1, 1970. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SECOND SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN THE SAME PLACE ON MARCH 1, 1972. STARTING JULY 1, 1972 HE WORKED AT THE UN MISSION IN GENEVA. HE RETURNED TO HELSINKI AS A SECTION SECRETARY IN THE ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON DECEMBER 1, 1973.

2. DURING HIS LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY KAUPPILA HAS WORKED PRINCIPALLY ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. HE HAS PARTICULARLY WORKED WITH THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF CSCE. HE HAS BEEN THE MINISTRY'S

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DESK OFFICER FOR ECE MATTERS. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS

SECRETARY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FINLAND'S SO-CALLED KEVSOS "FREE TRADE" AGREEMENTS WITH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. IN THE AUTUMN HE WILL ASSUME NEW DUTIES AS FIRST SECRETARY AT THE FINNISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

3. KAUPPILA SPEAKS FINNISH, SWEDISH, ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, GERMAN AND FRENCH. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

4. EMBASSY WHO HAVE MET HIM HAVE FOUND HIM SHY AND QUIET, POSSIBLY BECAUSE HIS ENGLISH HAS NOT BEEN USED MUCH LATELY. HE SEEMS PLEASED WITH HIS US ASSIGNMENT AND WAS HELPFUL ON SUBSTANTIVE AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF RECENT VISIT OF FSO RICHARD BANK OF STATE/EB/TT/MA TO FINLAND AT INVITATION OF FINNISH GOVERNMENT. AUSTAD

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